

A Hero from The 2-7 Cav . . . 11 Bravo, Corporal Webb, his soldier's story
 A fighting force to be feared, who gave all he had so very clear
 A Soldier's Story
 Who, into that valley of death . . . so walked
 All with his two fine legs, as was our freedom bought!
 His charge, his thought's
 The life of Travis Webb, so much to all has taught
 All about courage and faith
 As this mighty Michigander makes his way
 As no other's could so take his place
 As throughout his young life, his flow and ebb
 Through the good and bad!
 A work of art, to be said!
 As it all began
 With a young man with no direction
 Until, he found his life's true passion . . . his reflection
 Reaching, his greatest introspection
 His fine reflection, in a Uniform
 As A Soldier's Heart and soul, so proud and bold . . . so very warm
 All for his country 'tis a thee
 As a future Hero was born, as we would see
 While, on battlefields of honor and death and gore
 Charging bravely so, so ever . . . ever forth!
 When, Looking down
 As there it was he so found, no more
 His two strong fine legs, which made up this most valiant force
 While, there in that moment of truth
 As in that moment we find the answer, the proof
 All about what courage, and a magnificent heart can do!
 To build where none lie left
 To climb the highest of all mountains, no less
 To Teach Us all . . . to so bless
 To Reach Us . . . to so Beseech Us, all no less
 To But Be The Best
 When, Courage comes to Crest
 Day by Day
 Night after Night
 To win the battle, to win that fight!
 As he will not give up, will not rest!
 As is this soldier's story, our hearts have blessed
 As we watch him grow
 For he has a life to live
 And to this our world, so much more to give!
 Could such faith and courage, we so know? Possess?
 And, if I ever have a son
 I, but hope and pray . . . that he could so be like this fine one!
 Shining, all in Faith's True Son
 A Soldier's Story, Travis Webb our hearts have won!
 All in our Lord's Heart, that will be done
 Amen!
 —Albert Carey Caswell

IN MEMORIAL OF SGT. TIMOTHY SIMPSON

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, on November 17, 2008, Sgt. Timothy Simpson, a 20-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department and a constituent of the 13th Congressional District was killed by a drunk driver while responding to a robbery. He is the fourth Philadelphia police officer killed this year in the line of duty.

Sgt. Simpson, 46, left behind his wife, Catherine, and three children. His brother, Terry, is an officer on the Philadelphia Police Department SWAT team.

He was a decorated officer, having recently earned superintendant of the month in the 24th District. Other accolades included a heroism award, four merit awards, and a letter of commendation.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said Simpson was "a good officer trying to do his duty."

Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said he was "an excellent sergeant, excellent police officer," adding "you can't say enough good things about him."

Sgt. Simpson's death is a major shock to Philadelphia opening wounds that have had little time to heal. He was the partner to Sgt. Stephen Liczbinski, a 12-year veteran and former constituent, who was shot and killed on May 3, 2008 while responding to a bank robbery.

The sacrifices that the Simpson and Liczbinski families have made to protect the City of Philadelphia can never be repaid. All Philadelphia residents owe a debt of gratitude to these families and the families of the other fallen officers from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, including Gary Skerski, Charles Cassidy, Isabel Nazario, and Patrick McDonald all of whom died in the line of duty in the last two years.

I ask that the House of Representatives extend its condolences to Catherine Simpson, her family, and the Philadelphia Police Department for yet another significant loss.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of FY 2009 Defense Appropriations Bill.

Project: Monmouth University's Rapid Response Institute.

Funding Amount: \$3,200,000.

Account: Research, Development, and Testing, Defense Wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lockheed Martin.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Description of Request: Project will evaluate the software's ability to improve the effectiveness of military (including National Guard) preparedness and its support to the civilian first responders.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM D. HENDERSON, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William D. Henderson, Jr. who has contributed over 24,000 volunteer service hours over the course of 45 years to his local communities. Mr. Henderson was born in Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1927 and began volunteering with the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad in 1963 and later with the Northumberland County Rescue Squad in 1995. Through this time he has served as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), as an Advanced Life Support Provider and as a Training Officer. Mr. Henderson's selfless dedication has been recognized throughout his tenure as a volunteer EMT.

First, in 1973 he was awarded the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Citation of Merit, and in 1986 was selected for the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad's Captain's Choice Award. As recognition of his commitment to the entire community, the Honorable Thomas J. Vandever, then Mayor of Charlottesville, VA, proclaimed "William D. Henderson Day" in 1993. Two years later Mr. Henderson would again be recognized by the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad with the Joel Cochran Award for Outstanding Service.

Next, the Rappahannock General Hospital would recognize Mr. Henderson in 2000 as the EMT of the year. The subsequent year he would be honored by the Peninsula EMT council as the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider. In 2002 the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad named its training room after Mr. Henderson. He would then be recognized by the Governor of Virginia in 2003 with the Governor's Award for outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider.

2008 has been just as busy for Mr. Henderson as he was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad. In December, the Northumberland County Rescue Squad will award him a second lifetime Presidential Volunteer Service Award and the Point of Light Award. Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating and thanking William D. Henderson on his steadfast service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens.

IN APPRECIATION OF MY SENIOR AND AGING ISSUES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' SERVICE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute today to the men and women of Southeastern Arizona who for the past two years have served on my Senior and Aging Issues Advisory Council.

These 35 active and engaged citizens have selflessly shared their time and expertise with me as important advisors. Each one brought considerable personal and professional expertise to the table to help me gain a greater understanding of the challenges faced by seniors and their family members. Their advice and insights allowed me to better represent my constituents in Arizona's 8th Congressional District.

The counsel they provided has been invaluable to me in making legislative decisions and delivering constituent services. I am grateful to them for the recommendations and issues